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ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL COUNCIL

2nd Floor, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Gunadala, Vijayawada-520 008.

ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION ACT, 1968 -
PROVISIONS OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION-17 OF THE ACT.

APMC/DC/015/652/Case No.28/2016,- Medical Council of India through its letter Lr.No.MCI-211(2) (91) (21) (Complaint)/2015 Ethics/121389 dated 21.07.2016 has informed that a Sub-committee was constituted for scrutinizing the fake declaration forms submitted by various faculty during the assessments of medical colleges for the academic year 2015-16. The Sub-committee noted that the name of some faculty appeared in more than one medical college during the assessments. It was further informed that during the investigation, the Sub-committee observed the following in the matter of Dr.S. Swarupa Rani, whose name had been appeared in two different medical colleges i.e. (1) Katuri Medical College &. Hospital, Guntur and (2) Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Ongole during the assessments for the academic year 2015-16:-

“The faulty was present for inspection in Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Ongole on 10.11.2014 and has been accepted as faculty thereafter, she was found in inspection on 04.12.2014 in Katuri Medical College & Hospital, Guntur. She has been accepted as faculty there also. In the declaration form of Katuri Medical College, she has stated that before joining present institution, she was working at RIMS, Ongole as Professor and relieved on 14.11.2014 after resigning. However, in the declaration form

of Katuri Medical College, she has not mentioned about her presence at MCI assessment at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences. However, the declaration form contains the relieving order dated 14.11.2014 from RIMS. The conduct of the faculty is doubtful and an explanation be sought from the faculty”.

“The Ethics Committee of MCI is of the view that Dr.S. Swarupa Rani had hidden this fact in the Declaration Form, therefore the Ethics Committee unanimously decided to remove the name of Dr. S. Swarupa Rani for a period of Six months.

As per Registered Notice issued in this regard, the Respondent, Dr.S. Swarupa Rani has submitted her detailed explanation and also furnished a copy of the affidavit/explanation dated 17/12/2015 submitted to Medical Council of India. As per summons issued in this regard, the Respondent, Dr.S. Swarupa Rani has appeared before the Ethics Committee of APMC on 11.04.2017 and 21.04.2017. The Ethics Committee of APMC perused the records/documents submitted by Dr. Valleswari, Principal, RIMS, Ongole.

1. Resignation of Dr. S. Swarupa Rani for her post in RIMS
2. Acceptance of her resignation by the authorities of RIMS
3. Proof of her attendance to the MCI inspection by Dr. Swarupa Rani on 10.11.2014.
4. Relieving order issued to Dr. S. Swarupa Rani.

The Ethics Committee of APMC noted that Dr.Valleswari, Principal, RIMS, Ongole has submitted all required records except the declaration of Dr.S.Swarupa Rani submitted to MCI for the year 2014. She has stated that the same might have been taken by the MCI inspector. She has stated that at the time of MCI inspection on 10.11.2014, Dr.S.Swarupa Rani, Professor & HOD, Physiology Department was present in the morning session whereas at the time of head- count in the afternoon session, she was not available. She has stated that the Respondent, Dr.S.Swarupa Rani was paid salary upto the end of October, 2014 and soon after submission of her resignation to the post of Professor & HOD, Physiology, she was relieved from her duties w.e.f. 14.11.2014. She has stated that as per the agreement, any member of faculty shall resign to his/her post with three months prior notice or forfeit salary of 3 months in lieu of the same, whereas in the instant case, salary was not paid for 14 days.

The Ethics Committee noted the submissions of the Respondent, Dr.S.Swarupa Rani that she was present on 10.11.2014 at the time of MCI inspection in the morning whereas she did not attend the college in the afternoon session at the time of head-count. She has further stated that she has resigned to her post in RIMS, Ongole due to personal reasons and got relieved there on 14.11.2014 and subsequently joined in Katuri Medical College. The Ethics Committee discussed the matter in detail and perused the entire material on record and decided to uphold the decision of Medical Council of India.

The Ethics Committee of APMC in its meeting held on 21.05.2017 considered this item together with entire material available on record together with the submissions of the Respondent before the Ethics-Committee and recommended that the name of the Respondent, Dr. S. Swarupa Rani be removed from the Medical Register for a period of Six (6) months.

The General Body of the Council met on 28.06.2017 and considered this item together with entire material on record and the detailed observations/recommendations of the Ethics Committee. The General Body decided to approve the recommendations of the Ethics Committee to remove the name of Dr. S. Swarupa Rani from the Medical Register for a period of Six (6) months.

In pursuance of the decision dt : 28/06/2017 taken by the General Body of A.P.M.C., the name of Dr.S.Swarupa Rani bearing Registration No. 12881 dated : 27.03.1980 is hereby removed from medical register on 03/07/2017 for a period of Six (6) months as provided In Section -17(2) of Andhra Pradesh Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1968 for giving fake faculty declaration forms for the academic year 2015-16 and appearing for MCI inspections in two medical colleges in the same academic year.

In view of the above order as provided in Sub-Section (5) of Section-17 of the said Act, Dr. S. Swarupa Rani is hereby directed to surrender his Permanent Registration Certificate bearing No.12881 and the Certificate of Registration of Additional Qualification forthwith.

K. SATYANARAYANA MURTHY,

Registrar,

A.P. Medical Council.

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